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Dr. Marshall Nirenberg
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Dear Dr. Nirenberg:

On behalf of the Albany College of Pharmacy, I am pleased to formally invite you to accept an honorary doctorate at our commencement on June 2, 1996. We believe that your knowledge and expertise in biochemistry and your accomplishments in the areas of physiology and medicine commend you as a professional role model for our students and merit public recognition and acclaim. We will be honored to host your visit and have you participate in our graduation weekend activities.

As a degree recipient you are welcomed to make brief comments, if you wish, however you will not be expected to make a speech at graduation. This past fall we instituted our "Profiles in Leadership" program wherein we provide forums for our most recent honorary degree recipients to address our students, faculty, staff, the community and the press. The two-day event included a breakfast with members of the Chamber of Commerce, a presentation to students and faculty, an informal lunch with faculty and a formal dinner with, among others, the members of the Board of Trustees. We found this provided a varied and meaningful opportunity for everyone to interact. We will look forward to your participation in our 1996 "Profiles" program which will be held on September 11th and 12th.

We will be sending you a complete listing of events surrounding graduation and will make every effort to facilitate your visit. In the meantime if you have any questions please feel free to contact me or my assistant, Mary Van Ryn.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claire M. Lathers". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a large initial 'C'.

Claire M. Lathers, Ph.D., F.C.P.
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